



# ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Friday Evening, May 25, 2012

## ***Electricity***

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### **Update: Entergy's 966 MW River Bend Nuclear Unit 1 in Louisiana Shut by May 25**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of May 24 the unit was operating at 12 percent. Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2012/>

### **Arizona Corporation Commission Votes Unanimously to Approve Transmission Line Route to Rosemont May 24**

The Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) voted unanimously May 24, 5-0, to grant the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for the Tucson Electric Power Transmission Line Project, which will supply power to Rosemont Copper Company's proposed copper mine southeast of Tucson. Approval ensures that Rosemont has obtained the eight major permits required, before starting construction of the transmission line. To date, Rosemont has already received six of the eight major permits, with the Air Quality Permit and the Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit expected mid-year.

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/arizona-corporation-commission-votes-5-0-to-approve-tucson-electric-power-transmission-line-route-to-rosemont-153880905.html>

## ***Petroleum***

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### **Workers Strike at 155,000 b/d Husky Refinery in Lima, Ohio May 24**

After weeks of negotiations between United Steel Workers Local 624 and Husky Lima Refinery, more than 200 hourly workers went on strike May 24. There was no disruption to operations at the refinery, as managers took over for the striking workers.

<http://www.limaohio.com/news/husky-83962-workers-lima.html>

<http://af.reuters.com/article/commoditiesNews/idAFH5E8E501X20120525>

### **Valero Reports Small Leak at Its 180,000 b/d Memphis, Tennessee Refinery May 25**

Valero Energy Corp. said May 25 that an overhead line in the fluid catalytic cracker at its 180,000 b/d Memphis, Tennessee refinery had a small leak and was operating at slightly reduced rates. The company reported it was currently working on a plan to repair the leak.

Reuters, 09:53 May 25, 2012

### **Emissions Reported at Motiva's 235,000 b/d Convent, Louisiana Refinery May 24**

Motiva Enterprises reported a release of sulfur dioxide and hydrogen sulfide due to a unit upset at its 235,000 b/d Convent, Louisiana, refinery on May 24. According to a filing with the U.S. National Response Center, the release was due to an H-oil upset, and the company was reducing charge and stabilizing the unit to secure the release.

Reuters, 01:30 May 25, 2012

### **Valero Reports Compressor Trip at Its 142,000 b/d Corpus Christi, Texas Refinery May 25**

Valero Energy Corp. reported the trip of an off-gas compressor at the coker unit of its 142,000 b/d Corpus Christi, Texas refinery May 24. According to the report to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Control, the trip did not result in material impact to production.

Reuters, 16:44 May 24, 2012

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oce/ee/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=168866>

## Montana Refining Company Reports Fire at Its 10,000 b/d Great Falls Refinery May 24

Montana Refining Company said May 24 that it quickly put out a small fire at its 10,000 b/d Great Falls, Montana refinery. The company said the fire was caused by leaking naphtha that ignited, but there were no injuries reported. Reuters, 17:52 May 25, 2012

## Shell to Restart Unit at Its 100,000 b/d Scotford Refinery Near Alberta May 25

Royal Dutch Shell said May 25 it was restarting a unit at its 100,000 b/d Scotford refinery near Edmonton, Alberta, which could result in intermittent flaring for 24 hours. The company said there was no impact to production. Reuters, 02:47 May 25, 2012

## Natural Gas

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### Con Ed Reports Natural Gas Pipeline Leak in Mount Vernon, New York May 24

Consolidated Edison Inc. said it was looking for the source of a leak in a natural gas pipeline in Mount Vernon, New York, in Westchester County. The leak has caused Con Edison's Hunts Point compressor station in the Bronx to shut, as well as disrupted supplies to several utilities in the New York City area, including National Grid Plc and Orange and Rockland Utilities Inc. Orange and Rockland said it would ask marketers to move natural gas deliveries on the Tennessee Pipeline, which runs from the Gulf Coast of Texas to New England, to the Columbia or Algonquin Pipelines.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/05/24/coned-gasleak-idUSL1E8GOBEN20120524?type=companyNews&feedType=RSS&feedName=companyNews&rpc=43>

## Other News

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Nothing to report

## International News

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Nothing to report

## Energy Prices

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U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
May 25, 2012			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
<b>CRUDE OIL</b> <b>West Texas Intermediate U.S.</b> \$/Barrel	90.75	91.98	100.50
<b>NATURAL GAS</b> <b>Henry Hub</b> \$/Million Btu	2.66	2.60	4.37

Source: Reuters

## Links

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*This Week in Petroleum* from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)

<http://www.eia.gov/oog/info/twip/twip.asp>

Updated every Wednesday.

**Weekly Petroleum Status Report** from EIA

[http://www.eia.gov/oil\\_gas/petroleum/data\\_publications/weekly\\_petroleum\\_status\\_report/wpsr.html](http://www.eia.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html)

Updated after 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM Eastern Time every Wednesday.

**Natural Gas Weekly Update** from EIA

<http://www.eia.gov/oog/info/ngw/ngupdate.asp>

Updated after 2:00 PM Eastern Time every Thursday.

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